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Decorations, Awards, and Honors

ARMOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Summary. This regulation provides guidance on the administration of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund and accountability for the symbol of the Draper Armor Leadership Award, "The Goodrich Riding Trophy."

1. Purpose. This regulation assigns responsibility and prescribes procedures for the Draper Armor Leadership Award.
2. Scope. The Draper Armor Leadership Award is given annually to promote, sustain, and recognize effective leadership in armor/cavalry units. The Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund, through an indentured Trust Fund, finances it.
3. Applicability. This regulation applies to armor/cavalry units in the Active Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve.
4. Responsibilities. The Commanding General (CG), U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox (USAARMC) will administer the Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund under the terms of the Indenture of Trust. This fund will be administered as a Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality per AR 215-1, 29 Feb 95, Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities.
 - a. The commander of each armored and infantry division, cavalry regiment, and separate armored brigades of the Active Army will select annually the most outstanding armor/cavalry company/troop (per paragraph 6 below).
 - b. The commander of each armored and infantry division, cavalry regiment, and separate armored brigades of the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard will select annually the most outstanding armor/cavalry Reserve/National Guard company/troop (per paragraph 6 below).
5. Eligibility. Companies/troops of armor and cavalry are the only types of units eligible for the award. Air cavalry, attack helicopter, mechanized infantry, combat support, and combat service support units are not eligible. Request for a waiver to the eligibility requirement will be submitted to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund for research and then forwarded to the Chief of Armor for review and action.

*This regulation supersedes Fort Knox Reg 672-4, 5 Mar 97.

6. Selection procedures. Selection will be based on the overall performance of the organization throughout the calendar year and conducted in such a way that will preclude need for additional records or additional tactical exercise. Commanders may wish to consider the factors listed below when evaluating units and may assign suitable weights to these factors; they may exclude those which do not apply and add others that do.

a. Unit records and reports, major accomplishments, and performance as observed by the commander and staff.

b. Other records and reports applicable to the type of unit. Some examples are evaluation of Army Training and Evaluation Programs (ARTEPs), weapons firing/qualification (personal and crew), annual active duty for training and drill attendance, related records, reports, and test/evaluation results.

c. Unit's major accomplishments reported by the commander during the calendar year.

d. Recommendations of Commander's Staff and Senior Unit Advisor. These may be based on observation of the unit's military courtesy and discipline, unit esprit, condition of barracks, dayroom and dining facility, supply and personnel economy, energy conservation, equal opportunity program, unit maintenance program, and community relations.

7. Unit award. The name(s) of the officer(s) who commanded the unit for a substantial part of the year and the name(s) of the unit's First Sergeant, plus the unit's designation will be forwarded to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Award, USAARMC, ATZK-AR, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000. This will be accomplished by 31 March after the end of calendar year for which the award is recommended.

8. Individual Award. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund will provide an individual award to selected students of the U.S. Army Armor School who attend armor/cavalry officer courses or Career Management Field (CMF) 19 courses on their graduation. These awards are based on demonstrated professional expertise and leadership during their attendance at the course. Awards are available for the following:

a. Armor Officer Basic Course (AOBC) and Armor Officer Advanced Course (AOAC), for leadership award winners.

b. Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC), and Scout Platoon Leader Course (SPLC), for leadership award winners and Instructor of the Cycle.

c. One Station Unit Training (OSUT) conducted in the 1st Armor Training Brigade, Fort Knox, KY, for Soldier of the Cycle, Drill Sergeant of the Cycle, and Instructor of the Cycle.

d. Annually to the Fort Knox Post Soldier of the Year, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Drill Sergeant of the Year, and Instructor of the Year providing they are in CMF 19.

9. Commander Awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund will provide a Commander's Award to selected students of the U.S. Army Armor School and Command Sergeants Major upon selection to command positions within an armor or cavalry battalion, squadron, brigade or regiment.

a. Pre-Command Course (PCC) conducted at Fort Knox, KY, for graduates who are armor branch officers with follow-on assignments to an armor or cavalry battalion, squadron, brigade or regiment.

b. Command Sergeants Major who have a CMF 19 background, upon promotion to Command Sergeant Major and subsequent assignment as a Command Sergeant Major in an armor or cavalry battalion or squadron.

10. Compensation. From the Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund the CG, USAARMC will provide:

a. A replica of the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the major command (division, regiment, or separate brigade) to signify that a unit under that command has been selected as the unit winner of the Draper Armor Leadership Award. The Goodrich Riding Trophy will be displayed at a headquarters level no lower than brigade. It will not be presented to battalion or company/troop level for display.

b. A plaque to be displayed at the unit level depicting the Goodrich Riding Trophy and engraved with the unit designation and the calendar year for which the award was presented.

c. An individual plaque depicting the Goodrich Riding Trophy engraved with the name, rank, unit designation, and time frame for which the award was presented to the commanding officer(s) and first sergeant(s) of the winning organization. An individual plaque will be presented to those soldiers listed in paragraph 8 above.

d. An individual certificate (suitable for framing) and a serial numbered coin, signifying winning the Draper Armor Leadership Award, along with the plaque will be presented to those soldiers listed in paragraph 8 above.

e. A Commander's Certificate (suitable for framing) and a serial numbered coin, for soldiers listed in paragraph 9 above.

f. A Draper Leadership Book for soldiers listed in paragraphs 8 and 9 above.

11. Accountability. The Goodrich Riding Trophy remains the property of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund for the duration of the fund's existence. The trophy is entrusted to the care of the receiving unit until the unit is reflagged, inactivated, or has no unit eligible to compete in the award program. Should a unit fit one of these categories the Goodrich Riding Trophy must be returned to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund, at the address shown in paragraph 12 below. This is accomplished at no expense to the unit by shipping it COD to the Custodian, and the Draper Armor Leadership Fund will absorb all fees. Annually, a written accountability report will be submitted to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund with the following information: physical location of the Goodrich Riding Trophy, serial number, unit address (to include street, building, and room number if applicable), unit telephone number (DSN and commercial), and point of contact to include email address.

12. Administrative procedures. Request for awards will be submitted to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund, USAARMC, ATZK-AR, Fort Knox, 40121-5000. Send any correspondence/queries concerning the trophy or other awards mentioned in the Fort Knox Regulation to the custodian. The custodian can also be reached by telephone at DSN 464-1439/5155 or commercial (502) 624-1439/5155; FAX number DSN 464-7585 or commercial (502) 624-7585.

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